

lire that the French were driven out and the gate owie more was closed.

"General Foy having ehased the Nassau troops before him, passed through the wood and surrounded the chateau. All attempts to rally these men proving fruitless, Colonel Maekinnon with the Grenadiera and first company moved to the support of the place, and the French were, forced back.

"On the retreat of the Nassau troops Lord Saltoun, with the light companies of the 1st brigade, was again ordered to Hougomont, and recovered the orchard and also part of the wood in its front; the latter, however, there w;is no fusi-bility of holding in opposition to tlie vast .superiority of the French troops. Lord Saltoun therefore made occasional Hal-lies from the orchard; his orders were, in the event of its being forced, to retire into the chateau; but he defended it against every attempt.

"The entrance, of the wood was attsieke.d in the most gallant manner by the Coldstream Guards. The eomftanies under Colonel Wood ford cheered, and after eharginjj opened a fire, but the powerful resistance they ntet with eould not be overcome. This officer therefore retired, and eutured Hongomont.

"Afterwards the French exerted themselves to carry the orchard. They twice got possession of the hedge, but gained no further ground, as the defenders were firm, *niul* the troojtii on the garden-wall which overlooked tin\* orchard jwntmt in a cross-fire and occasioned them severe loss.

"The French soldiers were undaunted lit their attacks, but Hougomont was defended with a cnliit ttid Htubixyrn gallantry that alone could hav« enabliul so siiiali a force\* to resist the repeated and fierce assaults of tho great ftirci% consisting of nearly tlio whole 2d French corps. The e,ross-discharge from the artillery \*wji» incssimt; the Iniwting of shells set part of tlu\* building in flatnes, atut tw thi\* fire extended to the chapel and stables many of the wuumleii soldiers of the Coldatimms {mrishinl. Tim C:hiartln<sub>f</sub> »«vi\*r-theless, at no\* time exceeding 2000 men, maintained the